

Abstract

Current policy and course of Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

The dissertation “Current policy and course of Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage” will focus on current policy of UNESCO in Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (the Convention), reflection of its recent past, current situation and future visions. Dissertation will mainly follow implementation of Global Strategy for Representative, Balanced and Credible World Heritage List, which significantly influenced the policy of the Convention and other strategic plans accepted by State Parties. Global Strategy significantly changed demands on the nomination documentation, nomination process and listing of new properties in the World Heritage List in past few years. These changes are also closely related to the participation of Advisory Bodies of the Convention (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM) on national and international level. Recent changes were reflected not only in demands to State Parties but also in implementation of the Convention, for example by changing the voting system to the World Heritage Committee and efforts for more effective financing system of expenses necessary for implementation of the Convention.

This dissertation will also reflect changes for properties which already are on the World Heritage List in the field of conservation of its outstanding universal value its contribution to sustainable development and active using of World Heritage List in Danger. At the same time the dissertation will reflect the most immediate international situation, which significantly touches listed properties (for example in Syria, Iraq and Nepal) and effort of Convention to deal with devastating consequences of human and natural activities and effort to help State Parties and properties in this complicated situation (this also include synergies between related UNESCO conventions).

The work will be arranged thematically and each of the themes will focus on current situation, past situation (up to five to ten years ago) and evaluation of implementation of each goal. The dissertation will primarily concentrate on cultural heritage but it will respect indivisibility of cultural and natural heritage protected by a convention as well.

Keywords

World Heritage Convention, World Heritage List, property, conservation, outstanding universal value

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